

Amendments to the specification

On page 6, amend the Brief Description of the Drawings as shown below:

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of an access point terminal which may be placed on or near a public display for establishing a first, short range communication link with a nearby portable device and a second, longer range communication link to a communications network; and

Fig. 3 is a schematic block diagram of the principle components used to implement the bridge device seen in Fig. 2, and

Fig. 4 is a flow chart showing the method for transferring programs and data to a portable programmable data processing device from a host computer.

On page 20, amend the Abstract as follows:

Abstract of the Disclosure

An "access point" data terminal device is positioned at or incorporated into a display or acting as a standalone device accessible to a user transporting a portable computing device. A short-range communication link is provided by an IrDA infrared transceiver, or a Bluetooth radio transceiver, or both, to permit data and programs to be exchanged between the access point and nearby portable computing devices. The access point is provided with a program installation mechanism that is manually operable by the user when the portable computing device is positioned near the access point to download and install application software which programs the portable computing device to utilize the services made available at the access point. ~~A longer-range communications mechanism, preferably implemented as a PCMCIA communications card selected to connect to an available network or communications facility, enables the access terminal to act as a bridge coupling nearby portable computing devices to remote computers. The longer range communications system may further provide an Internet connection to the portable device, permitting the portable device to exchange E-mail, exchange information with a selected Web server, synchronize data file content, and to access and use other available resources. A surface mounted fractal antenna may be used to advantage to facilitate wireless communications.~~

Amendment to the drawing figures

Please amend the drawing by adding the following sheet containing Fig. 4. The changes to the drawings made by the added sheet are described in the Remarks which follow.